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It Pays to be a Mormon

Read Carefully The Following Statistical Results; Then Read The Word of Wisdom Printed herein, by living which the Mormon People are Gradually Showing the Great Benefit of Living God's Teachings instead of following Man's Teachings.

Results of Living the Word of Wisdom

Vital statistics for the nations taken from The International Year-book, 1928, of the League of Nations; for the Latter-day Saints from a special survey of 1927.

Per 1000 of Population.	AVERAGE FOR Various Nations	Latter-day Saints
Births (25 nations)	22	30
Deaths (25 nations)	14	7.5
Marriages (20 nations)	8	14.5
Divorces per 100,000 (15 nations)	46	14
Illegitimate Births (p. 1000 births)	74	8.7

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Deaths per 100,000 of population (6 nations) from

Tuberculosis	120	9
Cancer	119	47
Diseases of Nervous System	123	52
Diseases of Circulatory System	196	115
Diseases of Respiratory System	167	105
Diseases of Digestive System	73	56
Kidney Diseases	44	23
Maternity (per 1000 births)	45	10

Education and Social Statistics		United States
Literacy (per 1000)	...	99.7
Attending Elementary Schools (per 1000)	204	223
Attending High Schools (per 1000)	21	61
Attending Universities (per 1000)	5	9
Owning their Homes (per 100)	...	70
In productive Occupations (per 100)	...	77

"By their fruits ye shall know them."

The Word of Wisdom

Section 89—Doctrine and Covenants.

Revelation given through Joseph the seer, at Kirtland, Geauga County, Ohio, February 27th, 1833.

A word of wisdom, for the benefit of the Council of High Priests, assembled in Kirtland, and Church and also the Saints in Zion—

To be sent greeting—not by commandment or contraint, but by revelation and the word of wisdom, showing forth the order and will of God in the temporal salvation of all Saints in the last days—

Given for a principle with promise, adapted to the capacity of the weak and he weakest of all Saints, who are or can be called Saints.

Behold, verily, thus sad the Lord unto you, in consequence of evils and designs which do and will exist in the hearts of consipiring men in the last days, I have warned you, and forewarn you, by giving unto you this word of wisdom by revelation—

That inasmuch as any man drinketh wine or strong drink among you, behold it is not good, neither meet in the sight of your Father, only in assembling yourselves together to offer up your sacraments before him.

And, behold, this should be wine, yea, pure wine of the grape of the vine, of your own make.

And, again, strong drinks are not for the belly, but for the washing of your bodies.

And again, tobacco is not for the body, neither for the belly, and is not good for man, but is an herb for bruises and all sick cattle, to be used with judgment and skill.

And again, hot drinks are not for the body or belly.

And again, verily I say unto you, all wholesome herbs God hath ordained for the constitution, nature, and use of man—

Every herb in the season thereof, and every fruit in the season thereof; all these to be used with prudence and thanksgiving.

Yea, flesh also of beasts and of the fowls of the air, I, the Lord, have or-

dained for the use of man with thanksgiving; nevertheless they are to be used sparingly;

And it is pleasing unto me that they should not be used, only in times of winter, or of cold, or famine.

All grain is ordained for the use of man and of beasts, to be the staff of life, not only for man but for the beasts of the field, and the fowls of heaven, and all wild animals that run or creep on the earth;

And these hath God made for the use of man only in time of famine and excess of hunger.

All grain is good for the food of man; as also the fruit of the vine; that which yieldeth fruit, whether in the ground or above the ground—

Nevertheless, wheat for man, and corn for the ox, and oats for the horse, and rye for the fowls and for swine, and for all beasts of the field, and barley for all useful animals, and for mild drinks, as also other grain.

And all Saints who remember to keep and do these sayings, walking in obedience to the commandments, shall receive health in their navel and marrow to their bones;

And shall find wisdom and great treasures of knowledge, even hidden treasures;

And shall run and not be weary, and shall walk and not faint.

And I, the Lord, give unto them a promise, that the destroying angel shall pass by them, as the children of Israel, and not slay them. Amen.

PATRIARCH HYRUM G. SMITH DIES.

heads of believers and in the intimate relation of man of God, interpret to supplicants the will of heaven concerning their lives. He has been sustained as a prophet, a revelator, a seer of things behind the veil, things withheld from the knowledge of ordinary men. His gentle nature became sensitive during the years to the sacredness of such a calling. His life was saintly. In his presence one felt an other-worldly influence. He sought and lived the spirit of his peculiar mission." Deseret News, Feb. 4, 1932.

PRESIDING PATRIARCH HYRUM G. SMITH DIES.

Hyrum Gibbs Smith, aged 52, Presiding Patriarch of the Church, died Thursday, February 4, following an illness of several weeks duration.

Patriarch Smith was only 33 years of age when he succeeded his own grandfather, John Smith, to be Presiding Patriarch, on May 9, 1912. He was the fourth Presiding Patriarch of the Church, and the fourth direct descendant of the first Patriarch of the Church, Joseph Smith, Senior, and was a great-grandson of the martyred Patriarch, Hyrum Smith, brother of the Prophet Joseph Smith.

The following is an expression from the First Presidency as to the death of Bro. Smith. "The death of Presiding Patriarch Hyrum G. Smith removes from the quorum of presiding authorities of the Church one of its most honored and beloved members.

His sympathetic and lovable character, his devotion to duty and unwavering faith, endeared him to all who were fortunate enough to know him.

With the Church membership at large the Presidency mourn his loss and extend heartfelt sympathy and condolence to his bereaved family, kindred and many friends."

The successor to Bro. Smith will possibly be named at the April 6th Conference.

"From the busy life of trade and toil, from barganing and producing, from digging ore out of the bowels of the earth and from caring for flocks on the hills and deserts, men came to him and besought him for a blessing.. With his trembling hands upon their heads, he called down upon them such comfort, such inspiration and such prophetic direction that they went away, strengthened for their toils and struggles and with the inner light of the spirit illuminating their pathway more brightly through the darkness of mortality."

He has counseled with the people and with his fellow leaders. But his peculiar mission has been to lay his hands on the

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Was He Evil? No!—Good.

Joseph Smith, the Great Latter-day Prophet's name to be both good and evil spoken of among all people according to his own prophecy.

The following are merely quotations from various items of interest showing in a small way the fulfilment of the prophecy written by the Prophet Joseph Smith that his name "should be both good and evil spoken of among all people."

The setting of the prophecy was the first visitation of the Angel Moroni, a resurrected being, to him during the night of September 21, 1823.

It is contained in The Pearl of Great Price, a book of scripture, and verse 33, of the writings of the Prophet Joseph Smith: "He called me by name, and said unto me that he was a messenger sent from the presence of God to me, and that his name was Moroni; that God has a work for me to do; and that my name should be had for good and evil among all nations, kindreds, and tongues, or that it should be both good and evil spoken of among all people."

The following will be a few of the interesting good things said of Joseph Smith:

Bringham Young's witness for Joseph Smith—

Who can justly say aught against Joseph Smith? I was as well acquainted with him as any man. I do not believe his father and mother knew him any better than I did. I do not think that a man lives on the earth that knew him any better than I did; and I am bold to say that, Jesus Christ excepted, no better man ever lived or does live upon this earth. I am his witness. Journal of Discourses, Vol. IX, p. 332.

1830. JOHN S. REID — Practicing Attorney in western New York State; counsel in early lawsuits against Joseph Smith.

"I do know that his (Joseph Smith's) character was irreproachable; that he moved in the first circles of the community, and he was often spoken of as a young man of intelligence and good morals, and possessing a mind susceptible of the highest attainments." (History of the Church, Vol. 6, page 392.)

1840. MATHEW S. DAVIS—Member of the U. S. Congress.

"I went last evening to hear 'Joe Smith,' the celebrated Mormon, expound his doctrine. I, with several others, had a desire to understand his tenets as explained by himself. He is not an educated man: but he is a plain, sensible, strong-minded man. Everything he says, is said in a manner to leave an impression that he is sincere. There is no levity, no fanaticism, no want of dignity in his deportment. He is apparently from forty to forty-five years of age, rather above the middle stature, and what you ladies would call a very good-looking man. In his garb there are no peculiarities; his dress being that of a plain, unpretentious citizen. He is by profession a farmer, but is evidently well read . . . .

"During the whole of his address, and it occupied more than two hours, there was no opinion or belief that he expressed, that was calculated in the slightest degree, to impair the morals of society, or in any manner to degrade and brutalize the human species. There was much in his precepts, if they were followed, that would soften the asperities of man towards man, and that would tend to make him more rational being than he is generally found to be. There was no violence, no fury, no denunciation. His religion appears to be the religion of meekness, lowliness, and mild persuasion." (History of the Church, Vol. 4, pages 78, 79.)

1844. JOSIAH QUINCY—Mayor of Boston, Massachusetts.

'A fine-looking man is what the passer-by would instinctively have murmured upon meeting the remarkable individual who had fashioned the mold which was to shape the feelings of so many thousands of his fellow-mortals. But Smith was more than this, and one could not resist the

impression that capacity and resource were natural to his stalwart person. I have already mentioned the resemblance he bore to Elisha R. Potter, of Rhode Island, whom I met in Washington in 1826. The likeness was not such as would be recognized in a picture, but rather one that would be felt in a grave emergency. Of all men I have met, these two seemed best endowed with that kingly faculty which directs, as by intrinsic right, the feeble or confused souls who are looking for guidance . . . . .

" I have endeavored to give the details of my visit to the Mormon prophet with absolute accuracy. If the reader does not know just what to make of Joseph Smith, I cannot help him out of the difficulty. I myself stand helpless before the puzzle." (Figures of the Past, page 381).

The following are some of the evil ways Joseph Smith's name is had among the nations and people of the world: Taken from *The Farmer & Home Companion*, Official Organ: *Natal Agricultural Union (All Territories)* and *The Federation of Women's Institutes of Natal, Zululand, East Griqualand* and *Pondoland*. A South African paper published Friday, September 11, 1931, pages 54 and 55.

This extraordinary change of fortune was brought about by the successful roguery of a young American named Joseph Smith, the son of a small farmer in Vermont. From an early age this youth had amused himself by practising —to his own great profit—upon the credulity of his neighbours.

An angel, he said, had appeared to him in a vision telling him that he would find a sacred book written on gold plates at a certain spot. What exactly happened is obscure, but he seemed to have possessed something like gold plates with mysterious writing. These formed " The Book of Mormon."

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In 1830 Joseph Smith with Sidney Rigdon and Brigham Young founded a church at Ohio, they formed an apostelate of twelve in 1835 and the foreign mission in 1837. A temple was built and a bank founded; but the latter failed to the heavy loss of the public and the principals fled to Missouri where a colony had been formed in 1831. Opposition arose and in 1839, twelve thousand Mormons were driven out, and took refuge in Illinois. In one year 1,614 converts arrived from Britain alone.

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Here I will quote again from the Edinburgh Review which gives a graphic account of the end of this thieving vagabond and rogue:

" The popular mind of Illinois was at this time strongly excited against the Mormonites. The same causes which had led to their expulsion from Zion and from Missouri were again actively at work. Their rapid growth, and apparently invincible elasticity in rising under oppression. had roused even more than the former jealously. It seemed probable that before long the influx of foreign proselytes might raise the prophet to supremecy. Why not use the power which the circumstances of the moment placed in their hands, take summary vengeance on the imposter, and for ever defeat the ambitious schemes of his adherents? Under the influence of such hopes and passions, a body of armed men was speedily collected, who overpowered the feeble guard, burst open the doors of the gaol, and fired their rifles upon the prisoners. A ball killed Hiram on the spot, when Joseph, who was armed with a revolver, after returning two shots, attempted to escape by leaping the window; but he was stunned by his fall, and, while still in a state of insensibility, was picked up and shot by the mob outside the gaol. He died on June the 27th, 1844, in the thirty-ninth year of his age.

" Thus perished this profligate and sordid knave, by a death too honourable for his deserts. In England he would have been sent to the treadmill for obtaining money on false pretences. In America he was treacherously murdered without a trial: and thus our contempt for the victim is changed into horror for his executioners. The farce which he had played should not have been invested with a

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Love Truth—Keep Trying—God First

By Elder Parley P. Pratt, at Salt Lake City Tabernacle, Monday, April 7, 1856.

"When you see men that are not ready to repent, to bring forth fruits meet for repentance, but say I want to indulge in sin a little longer, and then I am going to turn round and be a first rate good Saint, I will tell you they are deceiving themselves, for they will not do it, for every time they think of doing it they will love sin as much as they did before, and they will continue to love sin, and why? Because when He (the Lord) spoke they would not hear; when He sent His servants they would not listen, and they would hear none of his reproof. and because of this He will laugh at their calamities and mock when their fear cometh, and when they call He will not hear. and when they seek Him earnestly they will not find Him.

"A man cannot be righteous of his own will and without the Spirit of the Lord; there is no assurance for men, they cannot have the Spirit unless they determine to walk in the light as fast as they see it. Those who promise to repent but want to indulge in sin a little longer, do not repent and their hearts are not fit for the kingdom of God.

Must Love Truth

"That man is on the right track who always loved the truth, and lived up to it, as far as he could with all his exertions. and walked in the light thereof every day, and every time he saw a little more truth obeyed it, and if he did anything at all it was his purpose continually to avoid error and walk in the truth. If he failed at any time it was his weakness, his error of judgment, his mistake, his temptation: it was not because he did not want to do right, or put it off purposely and choose sin; but it was through his weakness and temptation.

"I tell you there is a poor propect of a man who makes no progress; there is a more promising propect of a man that has no light, and in the practical duties of his religion, that man or that woman must be happy. Why bless your souls, there is hope with such a man, and though he may err in judgment and make mistakes and though he may trespass and though he may sin many sins that are not unto death, make many mistakes through weakness, and have to be borne with a long time, yet I tell you there is hope of such a man because if he lives he learns to see his duties, and if he stumbles and falls down, what of all that?—he will get up again and start on his journey, and when he starts the next time he will start well.

Must Keep Trying

"Brethren, don't seek to discourage or crush such a man; it will not do to destroy a man because he makes one or two blunders; it will never do to cry for spilt milk, but try again; and if you cannot overcome at first, try again and keep trying until you overcome.

"But when a man is not trying but loves to live in sin but still says every day, 'I am going to be a good Mormon,' I have but little hopes for such a man, and I generally say to him, you will not do it, for the Lord will not give you His Spirit when you please to get ready to repent.

"But the honest man says, 'I have been brought to see the truth, and I will do the best I know, though I have a thousand traditions, and though I make a thousand mistakes, and my brethren have to bear with me, yet I will do the best I can and will be willing to try again; and if I find myself weak and unable to progress and overcome, I will pray that the good spirit and the strength of the Lord may help me.' When a man talks in this way there is hope in his case; I don't care how much traditions have been entwined around him, or how many blunders he may make! I say there is hope in those who seek diligently to learn their duties, and endeavor to live up to them; and this makes me have hope for this people and for myself.

Serve God First.

"But when a man is careless and indifferent to the blessings of providence, and keeps putting off his repentance and is continually looking after the things of this life, the Lord don't want such a man and He has no use for him, and damnation awaits such a man and he will have to wait patiently for the return of the good Spirit to again lead him to repentance.

"Such a man won't prosper, for a man that will fix his own business first and then serve God, he is not worthy of him. He has no businees with his own business, his business is to serve God, he has no other businees; as I said, whether preaching or whatever place he may be in, should have but one object in view—the kingdom of God. In whatever part of the earth he may be located, whether among the Saints or in the very midst of wickedness, and where the power of the Devil holds sway, it is his duty to preach righteousness faithfully before the people."

WAS HE EVIL? NO! GOOD.

fictitious dignity by a tragic end. Yet when we consider the audacious blasphemies in which he had traded for so many years, and the awful guilt which he had incurred in making the voice of heaven pander to his own avarice and lust, we cannot deny that in his punishment, the wrath of lawless men fulfilled the righteousness of God. Secure in the devotion of his armed disciples, and at an age when he could still look forward to a long life of fraud, luxury, and ambition, he had exclaimed, 'Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.' But the sentence had gone forth against him—'Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee.'"

Editors note.—So perished the great Latter-day Prophet "For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth." Hebrews. 10: 16-17. —D.

Book of Mormon Reading Competition

March 22 completes the intensive course of reading of the Book of Mormon in the Mission-wide competition.

The requests have not been few that President Dalton has received to commence some other form of activity equal, if possible, to the Book of Mormon Reading Competition. Those who have participated have enjoyed it immensely and they are sorry to have it come to an end. It has been one of the most interesting things ever done in the Mission, according to letters and compliments received.

President John A. Widtsoe, in commenting, says, "There are some most excellent things in your report. The Book or Mormon reading circle seems to be an idea that could be adopted throughout the Missions generally."

There is a remarkable spirit which has characterized those who have read and studied this volume of scripture in this competition. They seem to partake of the spirit of the Book of Mormon, and have the humility which was with the Prophet Joseph Smith in his translation of the golden plates, as well as the strong faith of Moroni which punctuated his announcement to Joseph Smith of the resting place of the Book of Mormon records.

Even though the reading competition closes on March 22, the great good it has done will "carry on," and members and non-members who have read the Book of Mormon in private or joined together in reading circles will have greater faith in the Father, and His Son, Jesus Christ. They will also be much surer of a just reward because the thoughts they have received from this reading course will make better characters and a more noble destiny.

The names of those who have completed reading, which have been sent in by the District Presidents are as follows:

Shangani.—The following have finished private reading of the Book of Mormon: Sisters Johanna H. S. Viljoen and Cecilia Helena Jubber, and Brothers

Joseph A. Viljoen, John Wilhelmus Viljoen, and Walter Taylor Jubber.

Robertson.—Sister E. J. M. Van Molendorff has read the Book of Mormon twice in private reading, and Bro. G. J. Van Molendorff has finished it once. The following have completed the circle reading: Bro. Jan Kuun, Sen., Bro. Jan Kuun, Jun., Sis. M. Kuun, Sis. Minnie Kuun, Sis. Suzy Kuun, Sis. H. Crous, Sis. Rosa Crous, Bro. Johannes Crous, Sis. E. J. M. Van Molendorff, and Bro. G. J. Van Molendorff.

Strand.—The following have completed private reading of the Book of Mormon: Sis. Mary Jakins, Sis. Clarissa May Bibb, Mr. P. J. Coetzee, Bro. Edwin Joseph Jakins, Sis. Edith Emma Jakins, and Elder W. H. Brummer. The following have taken part in one more reading circles: Bro. R. Bradfield Jakins 2, Sis. Edith Emma Jakins 2, Sis. Mary Jakins 2, Sis. Clarissa May Bibb 2, Cecil G. Bibb 2, Elder W. H. Brumemr 2, Sis. J. E. S. Brummer 2, Sis. Daisy Kunitz 2, Bro. Cornelius Van Niekerk 1, Bro. Frank Stegmann 1, and Bro. Bertram Phillips 1.

Cyphergat.—All twelve members of the Shelver family have completed the circle reading of the Book of Mormon.

East London.—The following have finished the circle reading of the Book of Mormon: Sis. Futter, Phyllis Futter, Icy Louw, Reaford Futter, Olive Futter, Mavis Futter and Elders Willard H. Godfrey, T. Y. Wilson, B. C. Peterson, Bros. B. A. T. Jubber and Charles H. Jubber have finished the private reading.

Cape District.—The following have completed the circle reading of the Book of Mormon: Bro. L. J. Swart, Sis. Wilhelmina Swart, Sis. Hilda Swart, Bro. Vincent Swart, Bro. William Wilson, Sis. Beatrice Julyan, Sis. Blanche Wilson, Bro. John Wilson, Sis. Agnes Wilson, Bro. Thomas Wilson 2, Mr. Vigus, Sis. Florence Vigus, Sis. Julia Vigus, Mr. Brebner, Sis. Brebner, Miss Mobbs, Mrs. Johanna Fourie, Miss Ruth White, Miss Winnie White, Miss Alice White, Sis. Florence Smith, Sis. Vera Smith, Bro. Cecil G. Bibb, Sis. Geneve J. Dalton, Pres. D. M. Dalton, Sis. Maude Morton, Sis. Madeline Harris, Sis. Lena Banfield, Sis. Annie K. Banfield, Bro. W. P. Daniels, Sis. Daniels, Sis. Alice Daniels, Sis. Emma Beehre, Elder Clarence E. Randall, Elder Clarence D. Taylor, Elder Harold H. Smith, Elder Richard Knight, Elder John C. Dalton.

The following have finished the private reading of the Book of Mormon: Sis. Florence Vigus, Mr. Cyril Brebner, Miss Mobbs, Bro. W. P. Daniels, Sis. Daniels, Sis. Alice Daniels, Sis. Emma Beehre, Pres. D. M. Dalton, Elders Thomas Wilson, H. H. Smith, and John C. Dalton.

Reports from Bloemfontein and Kimberley have not yet been received.

...**Port Elizabeth.**—Names of those who have completed circle reading of the Book of Mormon up to Feb. 1, 1932:

R. K. F. Doller, Otto Doller, R. J. Doller, Johanna Doller, C. A. Smith, Jemina C. D. Smith, C. A. Smith, Jr., Sister C. A. Smith, Jr., Bertha Smith, Stephen Smith.

Port Elizabeth.—Names of those who have completed private reading of the Book of Mormon up to Feb. 1, 1932:

Rosalie Appelbee, C. A. Smith, Jemina Smith, C. A. Smith, Jr., Sister C. A. Smith, Jr., Bertha Smith, R. J. Doller.

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Johannesburg.—The following have participated in one reading circle: Ella S. E. Freer, Rhoda R. Freer, Gladys I. Freer, Sybil D. Freer, Johanna L. N. Hubert, Christian H. C. Louw, Cecilia H. B. Louw, Leonard G. Muir, Deryck Vice, Cecil W. S. Cook, Alice M. Cook, Joyce Merle Cook, Nora G. Fairall, Victor A. Freer, Essia E. Van Rooyen, Andres M. Olwagen, Roelof P. Van Rooyen, Maryna O. Van Rooyen, Anna H. Lauspack, Mr. Botha, Mrs. Botha, Mr. Cronje, Mrs. Cronje, Miss Ida Aldendorff, Miss Bennett, and Elder T. Y. Wilson.

The following have completed two or more reading circles: Hermann C. F. Hubert, Olga J. Hubert, Mary E. Vice, Daphne Vice, Eileen Vice, Mary D. Kruger, Elder Gardner, Elder Harris, Elder Stringham.

The following have completed the private reading of the Book of Mormon:

Hermann C. F. Hubert, Leonard G. Muir, Mary D. Kruger.

Waterval.—The following have completed one circle reading of the Book of Mormon: Martinius J. Joubert, Maria M. E. L. Joubert, Louis E. Joubert, Alettha W. C. J. Potgieter, Jozef S. G. Joubert, Maria M. Joubert, Johannes P. Brummer, Elizabeth L. Brummer, Cecilia Brummer, Elizabeth L. Brummer, Jr., Pieter Potgieter, Johannes Van Staden, Anna M. Goosen, Alfred McKnight, Gertrude E. A. McKnight, Hester H. G. McKnight, Susan G. B. W. McKnight.

Bro. Alfred McKnight has completed the private reading of the Book of Mormon.

Potchefstroom.—The following have completed one circle reading of the Book of Mormon: Thomas H. Hibbert, Elizabeth Hibbert, Harold Hibbert, Dorothy Hibbert, Eileen Wirth, Cecil Wirth.

The following have completed the private reading of the Book of Mormon: Thomas H. Hibbert, Elizabeth Hibbert, Eileen Wirth, Harold Hibbert, Cecil Wirth.

Premier Mine.—The following have completed the Book of Mormon reading circle: Frederick J. Spear, Georgiana S. Spear, Frederick J. Spear, Jr., Georgiana S. Spear, Jr. Also private reading.

Olifontsfontein.—The following have completed the Book of Mormon reading circle: William H. Brummer, Elizabeth H. P. Brummer, Andries G. Brummer, Rudolph C. Brummer.

Springs.—Daniel T. Jubber, Thomas R. R. Jubber, and Joseph Jubber have completed the private reading of the Book of Mormon.

Pretoria.—Andries M. Olwagen, Maryna O. Van Rooyen, and A. Dieperink have completed the private reading of the Book of Mormon.

MISSION NEWS.

CAPE DISTRICT.

Elder Clarence E. Randall, Dist. President, "Cumorah," Main and Grove Rds., Mowbray.

Meetings held at above address, Sunday School 10.30 a.m., Evening Service 7 p.m. Sundays, Mutual, Tuesday, 7.30 p.m., Relief Society Meeting, Thursdays, 7.45 p.m.

Elders Harold H. Smith and Willard E. Godfrey returned from a week's country trip to Piquetburg, Feb. 9. They had a very fruitful trip and a warm welcome wherever they went. This was especially true in Piquetburg where they held a well-attended meeting in the bio-hall Sunday, Feb. 7. While on their trip they visited Mr. and Mrs. Beckbessenger and Brother and Sister Van Ryneveld of Piquetburg, and Sis. A. G. Brummer and family of Moorreesburg.

A cottage meeting was held at the home of Bro. and Sister Wakeford Feb. 9 by Elders Randall and Dalton. Besides Wakeford's and the elders, Mr. and Mrs. Halse, since baptized, and Brother and Sister Eric Jakins, and daughter Cynthia, were present.

Elders Clarence E. Randall and John C. Dalton returned from a country trip to Robertson, on Feb. 10. They held Branch Conference at Robertson, Feb. 7, and report that the work is going along favorably. They also visited with Bro. and Sis. Herbst and family at Worcester.

Elder Clarence D. Taylor, Mission Secretary, returned from a visit to Cradock, Feb. 9. He states that he had a very enjoyable trip and was able to accomplish some good along Gospel lines. On his way back to Cape Town Elder Taylor stopped off at Port Elizabeth for a short visit with the elders, saints and friends.

We are pleased to welcome four new members in to the Church from Cape District. Bro. Leslie Rundle Halse and his wife, Sis. Madge Maude du Plessis Halse were baptized Feb. 21 by Elder Clarence E. Randall, and confirmed by President Dalton and Elder Randall respectively. Sis. Hester Helenia Colyn Jordaan, and Bro. Reuben Klein Jordaan were baptized Feb. 22 by Elder Randall, and confirmed by President Dalton and Elder Clarence D. Taylor respectively.

A splendid social was sponsored by the M. I. A. as a fitting opening to a season

of activity, on Feb. 10. It was a Misfit Social, and everyone joined in to make it a very pleasant evening for all.

The Word of Wisdom week was a huge success in Mowbray Branch. This great commandment was featured in every meeting throughout the week with appropriate speeches, and special musical numbers. A crowning achievement for the week was a Surprise Party sponsored by the Branch Presidency on Feb. 25 after Relief Society and Priesthood Meeting. Many new games, and the novel idea of having it in the open-air, the tennis court being lighted for the occasion, and almost to much watermelon for all, combined to make the social a never-to-be-forgotten event.

Branch Conference was held at "Cumorah" Feb. 14. Good programs were presented and everyone enjoyed the fine meetings. Branch Conference was also held in the Branch of Love, Feb. 22. From the remarks and reports made by those present it can be seen that this new Branch, which was organized at the home of Bro. W. P. Daniels, is thriving. Bro. Daniels is the Branch President and Sis. Alice Daniels, Branch Clerk. Sister Daniels is Relief Society President and Sisters Emma Behre and Alice counselors with Sis. Alice Daniels, secretary.

Bro. Dick Jakins, of the Strand, was feted at a fine party, Feb. 19 in honor of his coming to the age of manhood. A host of friends from the Strand and Cape Town were present and all pronounced it a party worthy of anyone's twenty-first birthday, although Dick said he wished it was only his first or second birthday when some of the male members of the party administered the traditional "birthday hiding."

"Cumorah" had the pleasure of a visit from Bro. and Sis. Wakeford, of Eerste River on Feb. 8, and also on Feb. 21 when they came in for the Baptism of their son and daughter-in-law, Bro. and Sis. Halse.

Book of Mormon reading is progressing favorably. Circles have been completed recently at the homes of Mr. and Sis. Vigus, and Bro. and Sis. Swart. Many have completed the private reading, and others are nearly finished.

The lantern lecture was presented to a large crowd of friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clark, of Parow, Feb. 12, by Elders Randall and Dalton. The elders also spent the night with the Clark's, who have been exceptionally hospitable to them on their two country trips.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark visited "Cumorah" on Sunday, Feb. 14, and met Pres. and Sister Dalton, and the Elders. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent by all, thanks to Sister Dalton's good ice cream.

Cape District President, Clarence E. Randall has been transferred to Johannesburg. Elder Randall had many friends who will miss him very greatly. He left Feb. 24. We wish him success in his new field of labor.

Elder Willard H. Godfrey, who has been doing country work in Cape District for the past month, left for his old field of labor in East London, Feb. 11.

A Branch Sunday School and Relief Society of the Church was organized by President Don Mack Dalton, at the home of Bro. and Sister Wakeford, of Eerste River, Sunday, March 13. A very nice cottage meeting was held on their large stoep and a number of people were in attendance from the Strand and Mowbray. Bro. Leslie Halse was set apart as Sunday School Superintendent with Bro. Eric Jakins as First Assistant, Sister Madge M. D. Halse as Secretary and Bro. Scott Wakeford as teacher. Sis. Amy Wakeford was set apart as President of the Branch Relief Society, with Sister S. E. C. Jakins as First Counselor, and Sister Halse as Second Counselor and Secretary. It can be plainly seen that with these good Saints in their various capacities, the Branch is certain to flourish. Besides the aforementioned Saints at Eerste River the following were present: President and Sister Dalton, Sis. Maude Morton, Sis. Madeline Harris, Elder Thomas Wilson, and Elder John C. Dalton of Mowbray; the two Misses Du Plessis from Somerset West; Mr. Van der Merwe, Bros. E. J. Jakins, Sis. Edith Jakins, Sis. Mary Jakins of the Strand, and Veronica and Synthia Jakins.

TRANSVAAL DISTRICT.

Elder K. Y. Stringham, Dist. President, 395 Commissioner St., Johannesburg.

Meetings held at above address, Sundays 10.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.; Relief Society, Tuesday, 8.0 p.m.; Mutual, Friday, 8.0 p.m.

Dreams are realized. "Ramah" is no more just a place to live, but a "Home Sweet Home." The purchase of a new rug for the reception room, and the presentation of window curtains by Mrs. Pearce and a table center by Sis. Parnell, is responsible for the new atmosphere.

We welcome Elder Richard Knight who arrived in Johannesburg, Feb. 4. He has started a choir here which is proving very successful. Elder Knight spent five months in Cape District before coming to the Rand.

A new Sunday School was started at Norwood at the home of Sister Parnell, Sunday Feb. 28. The three young babies of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Peterson were blessed by Elders Stringham, Randall, and Harris, and Sister Crighton's baby was blessed by Bro. Norman G. Muir as the main feature of the new Sunday School. There are now seven Mormon Sunday Schools in the Transvaal, with an average of over one hundred attending them each Sunday.

Sister Susan G. B. W. McKnight was baptized by Elder K. Y. Sringham on Feb. 5 and was confirmed Feb. 7 at Waterval by Bro. Johannes P. Brummer. Sister Aletta J. L. Brummer was baptized by Elder K. Y. Stringham at "Ramah" Feb. 18 and confirmed by Elder Eldon Harris.

The baby of Bro. and Sis. McKnight was blessed by President Stringham, Feb. 7, and was given the name of George Peter Barnwell McKnight. Waterval Branch President, J. P. Brummer, blessed his grandchild and gave it his own name. Bro. and Sis. Andries G. Brummer are the proud parents. Elder S. L. Gardner blessed the baby of Mr. and Sis. Van Eeden Feb. 21.

Bro. and Sis. Ninow are the proud parents of a baby boy, born Feb. 24.

President Stringham and Elder Knight made a trip to the home of Bro. and Sis. Cornelius in Krugersdorp Feb. 11, staying over night. Bro. Cornelius is recovering from a crippled leg caused by a horse kicking him.

A basket lunch social was held at "Ramah" on Feb. 12 with a spicy programme, a jolly crowd, and plenty of eats. Miss Williams gave some lively dance numbers as a special feature, and the evening was otherwise well spent in dancing, and with games for young and old. Enough was realized from the lunch baskets sold to get eight new song books.

George Washington's birthday, Feb. 22, was remembered by the Elders at "Ramah," who went to a social given in honor of the occasion by the American Consul and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Moorhead, at their home. The American Girl Band, that played at the Empire for several weeks, were special guests.

A number of friends were gathered Feb. 8 at the Hellyar home in Bez Valley to honor Miss Eileen. A jovial spirit prevailed throughout the evening, with dancing and other recreation.

Bro. and Sis. Slabbert of Pretoria spent a holiday down at Port Elizabeth. Bro. Dunning and family of Pretoria also spent an enjoyable vacation at Port Elizabeth and East London.

Mr. and Mrs. Botha, of Turffontein, spent a few weeks touring the Free State. They report having a most wonderful time.

Bro. and Sis. Spear and family of Premier Mine paid a visit to the elders and members here, during the last month.

Miss Doreen Orton left for Cape Town Feb. 13 to join her Mother there on a holiday. Bro. Orton is working out at Breyten now.

Bro. and Sis. Van Rooyen and family have shifted from Johannesburg to Pretoria. Their absence will be felt very much in the Johannesburg Branch.

Bro. and Sis. Hubert and family have moved from Fairview to 34 Leicester Rd., Malvern.

On Feb. 29 Mr. and Mrs. Scott of Bez Valley were shown the lantern lecture by

Elders Harris and Knight. A pleasant evening was enjoyed by all present. Mr. Scott has just recently met the elders. He is very interested in the Book of Mormon, and believes it to be the true history of the fore-fathers of the American Indians and God's hand-dealings with those ancient people.

The lantern lecture has also been shown at the home of Bro. and Sis. Freer.

We are pleased to report that Sis. Stephen Brummer is out of the hospital, and is much improved in health.

Sister Annie Catherine Charlton, President of the Pretoria Relief Society, passed away March 3. She is the mother of Sis. A. K. Banfield of the Mowbray Relief Society Presidency. Sis. Charlton was a lovely woman, a diligent worker, and a faithful Latter-Day Saint. This loss will be felt keenly by her many friends.

President Stringham and Elder Gardner paid a visit to Pretoria. Elder Gardner was very pleased to visit his former field of labor, and again enjoy the association of his friends there.

Another big meeting was held at the home of Bro. Jubber, of Springs, on Feb. 15. Elders Stringham and Harris conducted the meeting.

Sis. Amy Walker left for Bloemfontein for a short visit. From there she will go to Fixberg where her son, Jack, is living.

Reading Circles are going very strong in the Transvaal. There are many members who are determined to get the first prize offered by President Dalton. Sister Kruger has participated in seven reading circles, and is reading the Book of Mormon through the second time. Waterval is doing exceptionally well.

The Word of Wisdom week which was held from the 21 to 27 of Feb., proved to be very effective. Many people have thrown away their pipes, cigarettes and tobacco, and others have stopped drinking tea and coffee. It seems that people are realizing that it is a commandment from God, and that it is wisdom to live the Word of Wisdom.

Elder Clarence E. Randall arrived Feb. 26. Everyone is pleased to meet the new District President and wish him health, success, and happiness in his work up here. Elder Randall was District President of the Cape District before coming to the Transvaal. President Randall and Elder Knight, with all their musical talents, will be the cause of Johannesburg having the best choir in the Mission. We have many good singers in the Branch, lets support the Choir.

Bro. and Sis. Freer are sporting a new Auburn Motorcar.

EAST LONDON DISTRICT.

Elder B. C. Peterson, Dist. President, 66 St. George's Rd., East London.

Sunday School, 2.30 p.m., Sons of England Minor Hall.

Bro. Temple Duncan Futter, youngest son of Bro. and Sis. E. L. Futter, was baptized on Jan. 28 by Elder T. Y. Wilson, and confirmed on the same date by Elder B. C. Peterson.

A social was held a the home of Bro. and Sis. C. H. Jubber Jan 30. in honor of Elder Thomas Y. Wilson, who made a short visit to his old field of labor. There were 32 present, and all present enjoyed the evening immensely.

Elders T. Y. Wilson and B. C. Peterson left for Cyphergat on Feb. 4, stopping off for two days at Queenstown to visit the saints and friends there. The elders were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Daniels while in Queenstown. They also spent a very enjoyable evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rein. Bro. Alfred Jubber, Bro. Ralph, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Mr. Schmidt, and Mr. and Mrs. Boshoff were also visited by the elders.

The elders stayed with Bro. and Sis. Shelvers while in Cyphergat. While there a Sacrament meeting was held, and a Book of Mormon reading circle was started and completed.

After leaving Cyphergat, Elder Peterson returned to East London while Elder Wilson left for Cape Town via Aliwal North, Wepener, Bloemfontein, and Kimberley. Elder Wilson has really became a travelling Elder. After just completing a trip into Rhodesia he is swinging back on the west of the Kalihari Desert and visiting Bro. and Sis. J. A.

Cloete at Otjiwarongo, S.W.A., who have not been visited by the elders for over four years.

East London welcomes Elder W. H. Godfrey back from the Cape District where he has been laboring in the country for the last month.

During the absence of the elders, the meetings have been carried on by Bros. C. H. and B. A. T. Jubber.

A Word of Wisdom program was presented on Sunday, Feb. 21. Many worthwhile points were brought out during the meeting which left all present with desire to live the Word of Wisdom more completely.

Book of Mormon reading is coming along very nicely. Circles have been completed at the homes of Bro. C. H. Jubber and Bro. E. L. Futter. Another reading circle has been started at the home of Bro. C. H. Jubber, with a different group participating.

The lantern lecture has been given recently at the home of the Promnitz family.

PORT ELIZABETH DISTRICT.

Elder E. P. Wright, District President.
No. 12 Hope St., Port Elizabeth, C.P.

Meetings held Sundays, 10.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.; Mechanics Hall, 9, Donkin Street.

Port Elizabeth is doing its bit in the line of baptisms. Bro. Joseph Leonard Kozakiewicz was baptized by Elder E. P. Wright, Feb. 6, and confirmed by Elder M. F. Smith the following day. Bro. Abraham Abbey Petkoon was baptized at New Brighton beach by Elder M. F. Smith, Feb. 8, and confirmed on the same date by Elder E. P. Wright. Elder Wright also baptized Sis. Johanna E. A. P. Smith while visiting in Uitenhage. She was confirmed by Elder Smith.

A Branch picnic held at New Brighton beach Feb. 6 was enjoyed by all attending.

Elder Clarence D. Taylor, Mission Secretary, paid a short visit to Port Elizabeth Feb. 6 and 7. He was able to see most of the town during his stay. He also attended three meetings, and visited saints and friends here.

Elder Willard H. Godfrey passed through Port Elizabeth enroute to East London from Convention and country work in Cape District. He reported some very interesting experiences from his trips.

The elders made their usual monthly visit to Uitenhage on Feb. 19. While there they visited Sister Erasmus who is mourning her daughter's death. The elders, saints, and friends extend their sympathy to Sis. Erasmus in her bereavement.

Members and friends of Uitenhage are rejoicing over the new Branch that has been organized there. Bro. C. A. Smith Jr. has been set apart as Branch President. He realizes that this is a step forward in the work of the Lord, and is working diligently to make a success of the Uitenhage Branch. He was also set apart as Superintendent of the Sunday School. Bro. C. A. Smith, Sr. was set apart as First Counselor of the Branch and Sis. Johanna E. A. P. Smith was set apart as Sunday School Secretary and Second Counselor of the Branch Relief Society. Sis. J. C. D. Smith was set apart as Branch Relief Society President and Sis. Bertha Smith was set apart as Secretary of the Branch Relief Society.

Port Elizabeth Branch Conference was held Sunday Feb. 21. The theme of the day was the Word of Wisdom, and it was effectually carried out in all meetings.

DURBAN DISTRICT.

Elder J. H. Smith, Dist. President,
52 Botanic Gardens Rd., Durban.

Meetings held Sundays 10.30 a.m. and 3.0 p.m., Doris Kinsman Studio, Buchanan Building, West and Russell Street.

Durban Branch members are all returning home now after the Christmas holidays. Bro. and Sis. Sydney Street

and family arrived shortly before the first of February after spending a vacation in Rhodesia visiting Mr. and Sis. William Hardman.

Sister Street and Sister Jesse Trestrail, who were at Relief Society Convention in December, are now pushing the Relief Society work ahead here. Due to illness Sis. Edith Canning isn't able to do as much as she would like but she is doing her share. Sis. Gladys Sweeney was recently sustained as the Relief Society Organist.

On Feb. 1 a crowd of friends gathered at the home of Bro. and Sis. Trestrail for a surprise party which was held in honor of Bro. Trestrail's fifty-first birthday.

Elder Smith had the misfortune to have a misunderstanding with the bike and the result were some sore knees and torn trousers. Luckily it wasn't serious and just a few of the traces are visible, thanks to the good nursing of Sis. Getaz.

On Feb. 6 the Durban Relief Society sponsored a Concert in the Saint Paul's Hall. A good crowd attended despite the rain. Under the able management of Bro. George Canning the program was a very high class one, most of Durban's leading artists taking part. Not the least of whom was our talented Sister Evelyn Getaz, who accompanied on the piano and gave two very good elocution pieces. The proceeds of the concert are to be used for the starting of a building fund for Durban's new church building.

A successful basket social was held after regular Relief Society meeting, Feb. 23. A good few attended and enjoyed the games and, of course, the latest steps of the "Virginia Reel."

Due to changeable weather many of the saints and friends have been ill. Sis. Gladys Sweeney has been confined to a Sanitarium but is nearly recovered, while baby Neil Hancock, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Hancock, is recovering nicely from a very bad cold. Sis. Canning is also on the sick list, although she doesn't complain. Sister Moore is nearly over the shock and bruise of her accident

Branch Conference was held Jan. 31 with a good attendance. Sis. Mayes played a piano solo and Sis. Evelyn Getaz presented a very fine reading.

Book of Mormon Circles at the homes of Bro. and Sis. Oliver Mayes, Sisters Wade and Sweeney, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hancock, have been completed and others are soon to follow. A number have finished the private reading as well.

The Relief Society Sisters are busy now on their Bazaar which is to be held in the near future. Sewing has been distributed among the sisters and enthusiasm is running high as all are anxious for it to be a huge success

At the special "Word of Wisdom" and "Aaronic Priesthood" Service held Sunday, Feb. 21, Bro. John Moore was ordained a Deacon by Elder J. H. Smith. Bro. Moore is certainly happy to receive this blessing and all feel sure that he shall ever remain faithful to it.

The elders have had luck in finding a nurse, Mrs. Vase Lyle, a resident of Salt Lake City for three years, who avows they were her happiest years. She cannot praise the Latter-Day Saints enough. They have also found another member of the Church, Mrs. Newhouse, who is a cousin of Bro. Reuben Dix-Peek of Cape Town. She is very pleased to meet the elders again after ten years' loss of contact with the Church.

KIMBERLEY DISTRICT.

Elder R. J. Evans, Dist. President,
81 Kenilworth Rd., Kimberley.

Services, Sunday evenings, 38 Main Rd., Beaconsfield.

Barkley West was invaded by the "Mormon" Missionaries Feb. 5 and 6. Due to a rain storm they were unable to return to Kimberley as they had planned, but they were very well taken care of by Mr. and Mrs. Sundstrom, old friends of the Church.

Elder T. Y. Wilson, touring the Mission, arrived in Kimberley Feb. 15 for a stay of one week. During his stay he met most of the saints and friends, and was also the guest of honor at a Branch picnic

held at Alexandrafontein, Saturday, Feb. 20. Everyone had a good time, especially Elder Sutherland who did his usual tricks in the baths. Elder Wilson left for Bloemfontein Feb. 22.

A special Word of Wisdom meeting held at the Clark home on Feb. 21 was very well attended. Elder Wilson was the principal speaker.

On their monthly visit to Ritchie, Modder River, Feb. 23, Elders Sutherland and Evans were given the usual hearty welcome by Mr. and Sister Bryant.

This welcome consisted of all the fruit they could eat and a good chicken dinner.

Elder Clarence E. Randall of Cape District, paid a flying visit to Kimberley enroute to his new field of labor at Johannesburg. Although he was only able to stop for half an hour, his visit was enjoyed by the elders here.

To put a finishing touch on the Word of Wisdom week, a social was held at the home of Sister Grotique in Beaconsfield on Feb. 26.

The infant son of Bro. and Sis. Rossouw was blessed by Elder R. J. Evans on Feb. 14, and given the name of Reuben Rudolph Rossouw

Robertson—

Branch President G. J. Van Molendorff reports that the work of the Lord is progressing even though some of the members are feeling the depression. All the members are earnestly reading the Book of Mormon and Sister Van Molendorff is completing it the third time

Shangani—

In a lovely letter from Branch President Walter Taylor Jubber, it is noted that the Word of Wisdom week was fittingly observed and that the members in Shangani Branch are earnestly reading the Book of Mormon. Although there is some opposition, much good is still being accomplished. Regular meetings are being held and it is hoped that a Relief Society organization will be completed soon.

Wepener—

Elder Thomas Y. Wilson, visiting Wepener, organized a Relief Society. Sis. Annie Greenberg is President of the Relief Society and Sis. Florence Greenberg is Counselor and Secretary. Bro. and Sis. Norman Halse of Mohales Hoek will attend meetings at Wepener whenever possible and assist in the Relief Society there.

Bloemfontein—

In a letter from Branch President C. B. Spear, he indicates that the Word of Wisdom week was carried out according to instructions and that the work of reading the Book of Mormon, among the members, is progressing. Although attendance at meetings and Sunday School is sometimes small, nevertheless there is a good spirit with the people generally, and a desire to keep the commandments of the Lord.

Brother Reuben Penny has undergone another operation, for a rupture in the muscular walls of the abdomen. He will soon return home from the hospital.

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